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TAGS: PK, AF, UR, MOPS, CASC, PINS, PEPR &
SUBJECT: (C) AFGHAN INSURGENCY WRAP-UP AUGUST 21, 1980

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ROAD CONDITIONS: TRAFFIC INCREASED MARKEDLY ON THE KABUL-TORKHAM ROAD FOLLOWING THE ADVENT OF EID. DURING THE LAST FIVE DAYS, BETWEEN 70 AND 100 TRUCKS BEARING MELONS, APRICOTS, AND GRAPES HAVE ARRIVED DAILY FROM KABUL BOTH SINGLY AND IN CONVOY. IN A NEW DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, UNESCORTED TRUCKS HAVE BEEN REGULARLY STOPPED BY MUJAHIDEN GROUPS AT VARIOUS POINTS ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN SAROBI AND JALALABAD. AFTER PAYING A TOLL OF 1,000 TO 1,500 AFGHANIS, THE TRUCKS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO PROCEED.

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3. FIGHTING: A SOURCE IN THE HEKMATIYAR-FACTION OF THE

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HIZB-I-ISLAMI REPORTS THAT FIFTY MUJAHIDEEN AFFILIATED WITH THE PESHAWAR GROUP WERE KILLED IN AN AMBUSH BY A SOVIET/AFGHAN FORCE IN KUNDUZ PROVINCE NEAR THE BORDER.

4. A SOURCE IN SYED AHMAD GAILANI'S NATIONAL FRONT DESCRIBED AN ACTION IN WHICH THREE HUNDRED MUJAHIDEEN, ARMED WITH CAPTURED MACHINE GUNS, ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND KALASHNIKOV RIFLES, ASSAULTED HEAVILY-FORTIFIED SOVIET RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS IN THE GHAZNI HOTEL. THE SOURCE CLAIMED THAT, WHILE CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY ON BOTH SIDES, THE SOVIETS LOST ONE HUNDRED MEN, TWO TANKS, AND ONE HELICOPTER GUNSHIP. THERE WERE SEVERAL REPORTS FROM REFUGEE AS WELL AS MUJAHID SOURCES OF GREATLY INCREASED BOMBARDMENTS OF VILLAGES IN AREAS THROUGHOUT EASTERN AFGHANISTAN IN WHICH, APPARENTLY, THE PRESENCE OF MUJAHIDEEN IS SUSPECTED.

5. REPORTS WERE ALSO RECEIVED OF PLANS FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ASSASSINATIONS IN THE CAPITOL AND FURTHER MUTINIES OF AFGHAN MILITARY UNITS.

6. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL PRESIDENT HASSAN GAILANI SAID THAT HIS UNCLE SYED AHMAD GAILANI'S NATIONAL FRONT WILL SOON FORM A COALITION WITH GROUPS HEADED BY MAULVI MOHAMMAD NABZ AND PIR SIBGHATULLAH-MUJADEDI.

7. OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT: INDEPENDENT SOURCES DESCRIBED CHINESE AID RECEIVED BY MUJAHIDEEN GROUPS INCLUDING MINES, ROCKET LAUNCHERS, PISTOLS, AND AMMUNITION.

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8. JOURNALISTS: DANIELLE EYQUEM, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT FOR AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, WAS IN THE AREA TO INTERVIEW RESISTANCE LEADERS FOR A GENERAL PEECE OR PIECES ON THE FIGHTING IN AFGHANISTAN.

9. LAWRENCE LITCHFIELD, THE STRINGER FOR THE RUTLAND (VERMONT) HERALD AND A BUFFALO, N.Y. RADIO STATION WHO CROSSED OVER INTO AFGHANISTAN JULY 30, RETURNED LAST WEEK ... ROUTE TO THE U.S., BRINGING WITH HIM NO INFORMATION NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ELSEWHERE.

10. VISAS: PESHAWAR, ISLAMABAD, AND KARACHI

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COMMENCED PROCESSING OF REFUGEE VISA APPLICATIONS ON 17 AUGUST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S 2 AUGUST CABLE CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REFUGEE ACT OF 1980. DURING THE TWO DAYS BEFORE PESHAWAR WAS NOTIFIED THAT ITS ORIGINAL DESIGNATION AS A REFUGEE PROCESSING POST HAD BEEN CANCELLED, CROWDS OF 80 TO 100 AFGHANS GATHERED IN THE MORNINGS OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND GATES. ISLAMABAD REPORTED A SIMILAR VOLUME OF WOULD-BE APPLICANTS. COVINGTON

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